CONCLUSION

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Claims marked-up in accordance with Rule 1.121(c):

6. (Amended) A method for the detection of a slimb protein complex comprising the steps of:

   a) providing a slimb protein, and a sample suspected of containing one or more proteins capable of forming a complex with said slimb protein; [and]

   b) exposing said slimb protein to said one or more proteins capable of forming a complex with said slimb protein nder conditions such that said slimb protein

b) exposing said slimb protein to said one or more proteins capable of forming a complex with said slimb protein nder conditions such that said slimb protein binds to said one or more proteins capable of forming a complex with said slimb protein to form one or more of said slimb protein complexes[.]; and

c) detecting at least one of said slimb protein complexes.